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H. R. 5663

To penalize States that prohibit oil and gas exploration within their borders by denying them the use of any oil or natural gas produced domestically elsewhere.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOHMERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STATE HYPOCRISY REFORM.**

4 (a) Any State that does not allow the exploration or
5 the production of oil or gas within that State's boundaries
6 or within the contiguous coastal zones of that State is pro-
7 hibited from receiving oil or gas produced in any other
8 State in the United States or its contiguous coastal zone.

1 (b) As used in this section the term “State” means
2 an entity that is a State of the United States, the District
3 of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Vir-
4 gin Islands of the United States, Guam, American Samoa,
5 the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Common-
6 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or any territory
7 or possession of the United States, an Indian tribe, or a
8 unit of local government of that entity.

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